(e) The 2nd meeting of the Sub-Committee has been held on 18th April 2007 for discussing the reports of various Working Groups.

Status of Polavaram Dam

3645. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the status of Polavaram Dam;

(b) whether this dam will play havoc with the tribal hamlets of Orissa;

(c) whether for a few hundred farmers of Andhra Pradesh, Orissa will be forced to bear an irreparable loss;

(d) whether this project is proposed to be executed in consultation with the State Government of Orissa; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) The Polavaram project is under Appraisal in Central Water Commission. Issues regarding Irrigation Planning, Hydel Civil Design, Cost aspect, back water study and Inter-state aspects are yet to be finalized.

(b) and (c) As per Resettlement & Rehabilitation Plan of October 2005 prepared by the Government of Andhra Pradesh, an area of 587.77 ha. of Orissa is likely to be submerged. The population likely to be affected is 6316. However, the above figures are to be confirmed by conducting a joint survey by the State Governments.

(d) and (e) The project is to be executed in accordance with Godavari Water Disputes Tribunal Award and Inter-State Agreement on the project between State Government of Andhra Pradesh and Orissa.

Linking of rivers in Tamil Nadu

3646. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government are aware that the State Government of Tamil Nadu propose to work on the possibility of linking rivers in that State as stated by the State's PWD Minister recently; and

(b) if so, what action the Central Government propose to take in the matter, so as to ensure that the riparian States in the South are not in any way adversely affected?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) National Water Development Agency (NWDA) has been entrusted with the work of identifying intra-State links and to prepare pre-feasibility/feasibility reports of these links. NWDA has requested all the States, including Tamil Nadu on 29.7.2005, to inform the details of intra-State links for further studies by NWDA. The Government of Tamil Nadu has not sent any proposal to the Ministry of Water Resources/NWDA.

Jala Yagnam in Andhra Pradesh

3647. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have started Jala Yagnam in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof since its inception;

(c) the number of projects undertaken during the last three years, project-wise;

(d) what is the role of the Centre and the State in each project;

(e) the number of projects completed and pending as on date;

(f) the amount spent on each project;

(g) the actual purpose behind each project;

(h) whether farmers and other local people had objected to any project during the last three years;

(i) if so, the details thereof; and

(j) the response of the State Government of Andhra Pradesh in the halting of such projects?